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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL CHANGES AT JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND
PEKING

1. WE HAVE LEARNED UNOFFICIALLY THAT POLCOUNS/AT
JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON, MITSURO DONAWAKI, WILL
SOON BE TRANSFERRED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY PEKING AS
COUNSELOR. DONAWAKI WILL BE REPLACED BY OTHER DIPLOMAT
ALREADY IN WASHINGTON. CURRENT FIRST ME DIVISION DIRECTOR
TAIZO WATANABE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON.

2. WE WILL SEND ADDITIONAL BIO DATA ON WATANABE LATER,
BUT HE WILL BE A GREAT ASSET FOR JAPAN IN WASHINGTON.
WELL KNOWN TO OUR EMBASSY, HE IS A VERY INTELLIGENT,
PERSONABLE AND EFFECTIVE DIPLOMAT WHOM WE EXPECT TO GO TO
TOP ECHELONS OF THE JAPANESE FOREIGN SERVICE. HE WAS
ASSIGNED TO THE ME DIVISION FOLLOWING THE '73 OIL CRISIS
TO STRENGTHEN WHAT HAD BEEN ONE OF THE WEAKEST SECTIONS
IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. WATANABE PLANS TO LEAVE FOR
WASHINGTON JAN 20.

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